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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please replace paragraph 5 beginning on page 6 and ended on page 7 with the following amended paragraph:

A mat 26 rests upon an upper surface 28 of the bottom wall 14. Turning also to FIG. 2, the mat 26 has a plurality of apertures 3230 therethrough and upwardly ascending projections 34-32 therefrom. Preferably, the mat is formed of a medical grade silicone or some other medically suitable, flexible elastomer or plastic, having sufficient heat resistance